



# SFCC receives \$1 million grant for Youth Construction Program

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Youth not currently in school, about to become too old to qualify for foster care programs, and others will have an opportunity to learn green-building skills and obtain a high school diploma or GED certification through a new program called SFCC YouthBuild. The Santa Fe Community College program is being made possible through a more than \$1 million grant from the U.S. Department of Labor and will provide education and training to 60 disadvantaged Santa Fe County youth during a three-year period beginning in January. Los Alamos National Security, LLC funded a grant writer for this effort as part of the LANS Grant Writing Assistance Program.

Participants who complete the program receive certification in Green Building Construction skills, 30 hours of training recognized by the Occupational Safety & Health Administration, leadership training and experience, as well as post-program career placement and education counseling.

People interested in one of the 60 slots in the program should contact Jeremy Mier at (505) 428-1144.

In addition to YouthWorks and SFCC YouthBuild, partners include the Building Trades Advisory Corporation, which will provide construction materials and tools; Heroes Housing Alliance, which will provide the land and housing site at its Nava Ade Subdivision; and Santa Fe County Housing Authority, which will provide access to foreclosed properties for renovation.

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